

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
Jan. 22		4.00
Jan. 23		trace
Jan. 25		0.50
Total in.	0.00	4.50

Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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52nd Annual Sno Safari successful despite cold!!

The 52nd Annual Oklee Moonlighters Snowmobile Safari was held on January 19th with very cold temperatures in the area, but that didn't stop members from going out and having fun. The frigid temperatures, the trails were beautiful and the sun was shining making for a great ride.

Special recognition was given to Carson Reese for being the youngest rider at age 6. He received a suction cup feathered mohawk for his helmet from Huberts.

Correction: From the last issue - Commissioner story should be: Tanya Hanson from the Red Lake County Soil, Water Conservation District reported on grant for NW Minnesota that is available yearly will be matched up to \$30,000 by the Board of Wataer Resources (BWSR), if the County gives \$30,000. Motion by Remick, seconded by Simpson for the County to give \$30,000 for the match of this grant.

Calendar of Events

Wed, Jan. 30:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Thu, Jan. 31:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.

Fri, Feb. 1:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Sat, Feb. 2:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, Feb. 3:
-Worship at the church of your choice.

Mon, Feb. 4:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

Tue, Feb. 5:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards

Wed, Feb. 6:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Thu, Feb. 7:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.

Fri, Feb. 8:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Sat, Feb. 9:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, Feb. 10:
-Worship at the church of your choice.

Mon, Feb. 11:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

Tue, Feb. 12:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards.

Wed, Feb. 13:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Thu, Feb. 14:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.

Sled count winners were Jamie Flatgard and Joel Kvasager with a winning guess of 19 sleds.

Here is the list of winners.

Prize-Sponsor-Winner
\$50 L&M Gift Certificate, Oklee Moonlighters, Brad Boutain
\$50 Huberts Gift Cert. Oklee Moonlighters, David Hendrum.
\$50 RV Sports, Oklee Moonlighters, Shelly Flatgard.
\$100 Cabela's Gift Card CHS Ag Services-Oklee, Dustin Peterson.

Polaris Jacket, Titan Machinery, Joel Kvasager.
¼ ZIP, Oklee Moonlighters, Levi Flatgard.
HJC Helmet, Titan Machinery, Tyler Parsley.
\$25 Gift Cert. D&R Grocery, D&R Grocery, Walter Novak.
¼ ZIP, Oklee Moonlighters, Craig Flatgard.
Shirt & Hat, Lundeen Harvesting, Grayson Rystad.
\$25 Gift Card Red Lake County Co-op RLC Co-op, James Wright.
TJS Tavern Sweatshirt, TJ's Tavern, Chad Parsley.
Battery Charger, Titan Machinery-Crookston, Caleb Novak
Sweatshirt, Shorty's Place - Gully, Jamie Flatgard.

Door prizes
\$25 Gift Cert. Salon 209, Salon 209, Caleb Novak & Chad Lundeen.
Hat & t-shirt, Oklee Moonlighters, Myrna Lessard & David Hendrum.
Shirt & cup, Lundeen Harvesting, Brad Boutain.
\$10 Gift cert. Oklee Quilting, Oklee Quilting, Arden Lundeen & Dustin Peterson.



The sun was shining, but cold was fierce. These two, Rylan & Dylan Lundeen warmed up in front of the stove at one of the warming houses along the trail.

Screwdriver & plier set, Oklee Lumber, James Wright.
Baseball hat & t-shirt, Carol's Cozy, Tyler Parsley.
¼ Zip, Oklee Moonlighters, Levi Flatgard.
Screwdriver set, Oklee Lumber, Chris Peterson.
Grain shovel, CHS Northland Grain, Jennifer Kvasager.
\$5 Gift cert. Carol's Cozy, Carol's Cozy, Carson Reese, Mike Hagar, Jamie Flatgard & Judy Champagne.
Straight cut snips, Oklee Lumber, Adam Reese.
TJ's Tavern t-shirt, TJ's Tavern, Grayson Rystad & Dustin Peterson.
Baseball hat & t-shirt, Carol's Cozy, Jim Lessard.

Baseball hat, Carol's Cozy, Walter Novak & Dylan Lundeen.
Oklee Lumber Hat, Oklee Lumber: Joel Kvasager, Craig Flatgard, and Jennifer Kvasager
CHS Northland Grain Hat, CHS Northland Grain: Chad Parsley, Mary Lundeen, Rylan Lundeen, Caleb Novak, Adam Reese, Jennifer Kvasager, and Carson Reese.
Stocking Hat, Carol's Cozy, Joel Kvasager.
¼ Zip shirt, Oklee Moonlighters, Shelly Flatgard.
Oklee Moonlighters Hat, Oklee Moonlighters, Judy Champagne and Rylan Lundeen.

Firemen's Blizzard Bonanza set for February 23rd

The winter cold has set in and everyone has been in hibernation since Christmas and New Years. But on February 23rd at the Oklee Community Hall will be the event we all wait for to break the hibernation season. It's the Oklee Firemen's Blizzard Bonanza party.

It means of night of fun and good food along with the chance to win prizes all night long with raffles for meat and other items.

Tim Eggebraaten will be back for the evening serving as the emcee and also the entertainment along with "Just Imaginik" (magician).

Three years ago, it was the Newly Wed Game, Two years ago it was a version of Family Fued. This year it should be an interesting night with a magician on the stage.

TJ's Tavern will be bartending on site.

The dinner will be a deep

fried walleye supper with all the fixings and at the end of the evening, a drawing to be held at 10:00 p.m. for some really great prizes:

1st prize: Weatherby .243 rifle

2nd prize: Red Lake County Co-op \$500 gas card.

3rd prize: \$150 in Cash

4th prize: \$100 Visa Gift Card.

Only 350 tickets will be sold for this event.

And what will all this fun cost? For the simple cost of a \$20 ticket you get a great meal and a chance at the big drawing at 10:00 p.m. Can't beat this.

If you haven't purchased your tickets yet for this fun night, find a fireman from Oklee and ask to purchase your chance at one of those wonderful prizes.

Tickets are also on sale at the Oklee Cenex C-Store. Food – Fun – Entertainment – Prizes. What more could you ask for?



Tim Eggebraaten will be the Emcee at the Annual Oklee Fireman's Blizzard Bonanza.

tin, Lilly Hanson, and Taya Morinville.

RLC Rebel letter winners for basketball: (Back) Dawson Rystad, Ethan Vettleson, Jordan Johnson, Alex Peterson, Isiah Olson, Connor Lambert, Derek Peterson, John Renner, Ben Cardinal. (Front) Hayden Cardinal, Zach Benson, Brandon Wiskow, Adrien Verbout, Matt Vettleson, Austin Jensen.

April 18: Red Lake County Coop held its Annual Meeting on Wednesday April 11th. The meeting was held at the Brooks Community Center. A breakfast of pancakes, sausage and eggs was served by the employees with the meeting following.

Oklee's 35th Annual Youth Wrestling tournament on March 8, had 200 wrestlers participating with Carson Magnell being the youngest participant at 2 1/2 years old. Parents are Mikel and Jill (Rewertz) Magnell of Moorhead. Mikel graduated and wrestled for RLCC High School.

The Speech Subsections were held at Red Lake County Central High School on Tuesday, April 3. The RLCC speech team overall came in third place out of seven teams and missed receiving second place by one point. Seven members of the speech will advance to Sections, and four will be alternates for Sections.

RLCC Senior High Choir performed "Cold and Fugue Season," "I'll Make a Man Out Of You," and "A Whole New World" at the Disney and Classics Spring Concert.

Did you notice it didn't snow today. It would be nice if it would warm up and melt all the remaining snow. Even though we complain about the late spring, it still is better than some other areas in Minnesota. The Twin Cities have been having a lot more snow than we have.

April 25: April 19, 2018 was Arlen Brekke's last day unlocking the school doors, sweeping and mopping, and checking the boiler room plus his many other custodial duties



Levi Flatgard and Grayson Rystad were out for a fun ride on January 19th for the 52nd Annual Sno Safari sponsored by the Oklee Moonlighters.

Year in Review....

April 4: Eleven members of the French ITV Classes, their teacher, and four other adults visited Quebec City March 17 – 20, 2018. Breckenridge students were Olivia Eichhorn and Jennifer Puchalski. Lafayette High School students were Shayla Lallier, Marcus Paradis and Rachel Wieland. Red Lake County Central students were Allison Aakhus, Britain Arlt, Grace Gieseke, Sophia Linder, Zoe Russillo and Abigail Walton.

It is cold outside. Unusually cold for this time of year. We are at least 20 degrees colder than usual. But we are lucky that we missed the big storm that was predicted toward the end of last week. A dusting came to most areas.

The Red Lake County Speech Team hosted the Plummer Lions Speech Meet once again this year on Saturday, March 24.

April 11: Oklee Quilting Supply and Thief River Falls Quilting Guild sponsored a guest speaker and quilt trunk show event on Friday evening, March 23rd at the Oklee Hall. The guest speaker was Doug Leko who founded Antler Quilt Design in 2008, when he was still a high school student.

RLCC Junior High Students who went to the Juniors High Honors Band and Choir Festival: Thomas Benson, Peyton Fish, Jed Duden, Noah Hanson, Gunnar Sandeen, Skylar Long-

at Red Lake County Central High School in Oklee. Brekke started working at Oklee High School as a custodian during the spring of 1993.

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday night, April 13 – 15th, Director Mike Swenson and the RLCC High School presented the musical, "Something's Afoot." This is the first musical in 35 years performed on the stage at RLCC High School.

The Red Lake County Central High School held their 2018 Academic Banquet Monday, April 9th at the RLCC High School. The guest speaker for the Banquet was Angie (Chervestad) Lundeen. She attended Oklee High School and graduated with the class of 1998.

Lily Guillemette who is tenth grader at Red Lake County Central will be competing at the State Speech Tournament which will be held April 20th in the Cities. She won first place at the Speech Section Tournament which was held April 10th in Fosston.

May 2: This year is Mr. Michael Swenson's last year teaching at Red Lake County Central High School and he recently put on his last play, "Something's Afoot." His first involvement in theater began when he was in 4-H. Swenson commented that he was "shanghaied to be in a skit for Share the Fun when I was in eighth grade."

Rick and Arlene Froiland celebrated their 50th anniversary on Saturday, the 21st, at the Legion in the evening. There four daughters and families came, as well as some of the wedding party.

Lily Guillemette from Red Lake County Central placed fourth place at the State Speech Tournament in the poetry category. It was held April 21 at Apple Valley. She made it into the finals. She was fourth out of 24 competitors in poetry.

The RLCC High School SADDs group sponsored a fundraiser, Pennies for Patients.

Watch for more Year in Review next week...

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, Jan. 30: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation.
Sun, Feb. 3 9:00 a.m. Zion.
9:00 a.m. Salem SS. 10:15 a.m. Zion SS. 10:30 a.m. Salem.
Tue, Feb. 5: 9:00 a.m. Quilting at Zion.
Wed, Feb. 6: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, Feb. 3: 7:30 a.m. Confessions 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Francis Xavier, Oklee; 10:15 a.m. St. Clement Parish, Grygla; 12:00 p.m. St. Ann Parish, Goodridge.

BROOKS – RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bob Schreiner
Sat, Feb. 2: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, Feb. 3: 8:00 a.m. Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL–EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Jan. 27: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 10:15 a.m. SS at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany–Ekelund–Faith Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Jan. 30: No Wednesday School.
Sun, Feb. 3: 8:30am Bethany Worship, 9:45 SS; 9:45am Ekelund Worship, 10:30 a.m. SS; 9:45 a.m. SS, 11:00am Faith Worship 11:45am Faith Annual Meeting.
Mon, Feb. 4: 9:00 a.m. Faith Quilting.
Wed, Feb. 6: Release Time

Oklee Senior Site Dining

February 4 - 8
Call 796-5666 to order a meal.

If you are over the age of 60 and would like to eat with other seniors at the Senior Site, please call the Café at 796-5666 to reserve your meal. A \$4.00 per meal donation is suggested.

Monday: Grilled chicken, broccoli cheese soup, and dessert.

Tuesday: Chicken strips, tossed salad, hash browns, and dessert.

Wednesday: Meatloaf, boiled potatoes, carrots, bread, and dessert.

Thursday: Chicken fillet w/mayo & lettuce, macaroni salad, and dessert.

Friday: ½ Hot hamburger, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, and dessert.

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CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Jan. 30: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.
Sat, Feb. 2: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive. LYS Ski Trip leaves OP at 8:30 a.m.
Sun, Feb. 3: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri, 9:15 a.m. SS; 8:30 a.m. SS Oak Park, 9:45 a.m. Oak Park. 10:00 a.m. SS at Nazareth, 11:00 a.m. Nazareth.
Wed, Feb. 6: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 7:00 p.m. LYS meeting.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Jan. 30: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Fri, Feb. 1: 8:30 a.m. Friday School.
Sun, Feb. 2: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, Jan. 30: 6:15 p.m. 7&8 grade confirmation at Lund.
Sun, Feb. 3: 10:30 a.m. Bethany. Annual meeting with potluck.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, Feb. 3: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.



Tri-Valley Public Transportation

T.H.E. Bus is available for anyone. There are no age or income guidelines. However, children under the age of four must be accompanied by an adult and children under the age of one must be secured in an infant seat.

Curb-to-curb services is available, allowing those with special needs with more convenient method of transportation. All buses are handicapped accessible and lift-equipped and drivers certified.

To reserve a seat, please call one business day prior to the scheduled trip - 1-800-201-3432.

The new schedule started December 2016.

For Polk, Red Lake and Clearwater county stops:

Every Monday – Grand Forks.

Every 2nd Tuesday – Mahanomen.

Every 4th Tuesday – Thief River Falls

Every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesday – Fargo/Moorhead.

Every 2nd & 4th Friday – Bemidji.



Bakke is figure

skating gold medalist

Congratulations to Brooklyn Bakke, daughter of Dennis and Joanie Bakke, on becoming Thief River Falls Skating Club's newest United States Figure Skating gold medalist. Brookie is an 8th grader at Franklin Middle School and passed her Gold level Argentina Tango and Westminister Waltz this past weekend to achieve this national recognition. According to the United States Figures Skating Association, "In a typical year, approximately 40,000 U.S. Figure Skating test levels are completed by athletes; of those, about 1,300 or 3 percent, are at the gold or senior level." Brookie joins only six other TRF skaters who, over the club's 40+ year history, have achieved gold medalist status. Brookie is coached by Lisa Semanko. (Submitted)

Legals

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR SALE OF PROPERTY BY OKLEE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That a hearing will be held before the Oklee City Council at the Oklee Cafe, Oklee, Minnesota, on February 11, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. to hear all persons present upon the proposed sale and transfer to Machinewell, Inc. for economic purposes the following described property:

Lot 3 of Block 46 in 1965 Addition to the City of Oklee, Less the following: Beginning at the SE corner, 166 feet North, to the NE corner, then westerly 48 feet to the NW corner, then 130 feet Southwesterly to the SW corner, thence 130 feet East, back to the point of beginning.

The public may see the terms and conditions of the sale at the Oklee EDA office. At the hearing the Oklee EDA will decide if the sale is advisable and if so, will decide if it is advisable to give consent for Machinewell, Inc. to subsequently sell the property to Tjolsen Trucking Company. Said transfer will be subject to being used for economic reasons, otherwise the real property may be subject to declaration of a forfeiture and cancellation of the deed transfer by the EDA and return of title to the EDA.

Dated this 22nd day of January, 2019.

/s/ Derek Cross

City Clerk

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Red Lake Falls Library News

Stop by the library next Tuesday, February 5 at 6:00 pm when professional drummer Mike Arturi will give a presentation of performance, discussion of his career and interactive drumming. He is a lifelong drummer, educator and member of Rock & Roll Hall of Fame band "The Lovin' Spoonful."

LibraryReads (found online at libraryreads.org) is the monthly nationwide library staff picks list for adult fiction and non-fiction. Its goal is to help connect librarians' favorite books to as many readers as possible; but rather than picking "the best" of anything, LibraryReads represents the collective favorites – the books library workers loved reading and cannot wait to share. There are no judges or juries.

Recommendations are by those who work in a public library, whether senior staff or new arrivals, in any area of the library. LibraryReads top ten for the month of February are

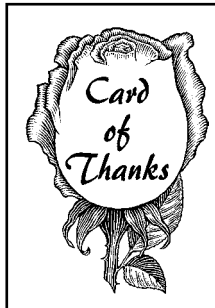
"The Silent Patient" (top pick) by Alex Michaelides, "The Care and Feeding of Ravenously Hungry Girls" by Anissa Gray, "Daughter of Molokai" by Alan Brennert, "Finding Dorothy" by Elizabeth Letts, "The Girls at 17 Swann Street" by Yara Zgheib, "Good Riddance" by Elinor Lipman, "The Huntress" by Kate Quinn, "Kid Gloves: Nine Months of Careful Chaos" by Lucy Knisley, "The Last Romantics" by Tara Conklin, and "The Priory of the Orange Tree" by Samantha Shannon.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

We would like to send a heartfelt thank you to the Red Lake County Central teachers and staff for hosting the benefit for me on January 8. All of your hard work and support is truly appreciated. Also, thank you to all of the community members who attended and the wonderful people and businesses who donated items for the silent auction. Living and teaching in a small community has its benefits and we are very grateful for your support!

Laurie & Perry Duden & Family

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For all the kindness you have shown, We thank you very much, For sympathy in sorrowing days, For friendship's healing touch With gratitude our hearts are full, Though words cannot convey The tender thoughts and thankfulness We hold for you today.
The Family of Irene Dessellier

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5	1	8	9	2	7	6	3	4
6	4	1	7	9	8	3	2	5
2	3	5	4	6	1	9	8	7
8	9	7	2	5	3	1	4	6
1	7	6	5	8	2	4	9	3
4	5	2	3	1	9	7	6	8
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Red Lake County Commissioners' Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held December 24, 2018

Pursuant to adjournment of its regular meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in regular session at the courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on December 24, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Chair Sorensen called the meeting to order. All members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

County Treasurer Nick Knott met with the board regarding an investment called a VOYA GNM Income Fund, a Mutual Fund Investment that the State Auditor's Office (OSA) stipulates does not qualify as a permissible public investment. Knott commented that the VOYA was a permissible investment when it was purchased prior to 1996, however, the OSA does not agree. The OSA informed that the investment should be sold as county funds should be invested in only short term obligations. Knott suggested selling half the investment in 2018 as the share price is considerable lower than when purchased, and the remainder in January 2019 to spread the loss over a 2-year period. Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Weiss and carried unanimously to sell one half the VOYA GNMA Income Fund in 2018 and the remainder in January 2019.

County Attorney Mike Lacoursiere met with the board to request additional funding be added to his 2019 budget to pay for some incidental costs and expert witness fees for a county court case to be prosecuted by the State Attorney General's Office in early 2019. Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Simpson and carried by unanimous vote to approve an additional \$15,000.00 be added to the County Attorney budget for 2019 for incidental expenses and expert witness fees as requested for the court case.

Commissioner Weiss asked the County Attorney on the procedure to follow to legally change the Social Services Agency board from seven to five board members. Lacoursiere commented that it should be sufficient if the County Board approves a motion to reduce the SS Agency Board, however he will research the issue and report back to the board at a later date.

HR Director Lundeen asked for clarification on advertising for recruitment of a County Engineer. Ads have been placed in local newspapers but there has been no response. Lundeen suggested advertising in a much broader area using no-cost sites such as Jobs HQ, INDEED, and state job service offices. Another service offered through INDEED, is to utilize the service of an individual professional to recruit individuals to apply for the position. And, if the recruited individual is hired for the position, then the fee for the recruiting services would be 10% of the new hires salary for the first year only. Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Weiss and carried unanimously to approve utilizing the professional recruiting services of INDEED with the only cost to the county based on 10% of the hired individual's salary for the first year.

Red Lake County Board members recognized Social Services employee Judy Schmitz for her 45 years of service to the county and presented her a clock as a recognition gift.

Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Weiss and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2018 regular board meeting as presented.

Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Simpson and carried by unanimous vote to approve the expenditures for the period as follows:

Vendor Name	Amount
Dicks Backhoe Service	\$11,105.55
Geo-Com Corporation	7,488.00
Triple D Construction & Leasing	12,507.50
University of MN Extension	19,076.94
40 Vendors less than \$2,000	15,233.28
TOTAL	\$65,411.27

The motion includes the following additional bills: \$400.00 to AMC; \$368.19 to American Solutions for Business; \$1,500.00 to Bjorklund; \$670.88 to Richards Publishing; \$81.75 to John Lerohl; \$210.00 per diem and \$410.93 expenses to Chuck Simpson.

The following commissioner/committee reports were shared:

Commissioner	Meeting/Report
Simpson:	None.

Weiss: Reported on a One Watershed-One Plan meeting and the public hearing for the Thief River Falls Flood Diversion and the Black River Impoundment held at the Red Lake Watershed District offices.

Remick	None.
Lerohl:	Attended a NW Regional Development-Revolving Loan Fund meeting at Warren.

Sorensen: Attended an Inter County Nursing meeting in Thief River Falls.

The Nursing Service Director is retiring February 28, 2019 and the position will be advertised.

Chair Sorensen read a thank you note from Mary Jo Schmitz in appreciation of her years of service recognition gift received from the

county. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Simpson and carried unanimously to approve reimbursement of \$3,643.16 to the Huot Park Board for the 2018 annual operating expenses for the county park.

Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Weiss and carried by unanimous vote to approve a Satisfaction of Mortgage Deed for Phyllis Audette of Red Lake Falls. The mortgage is for a county housing program rehab loan that has been paid in full. The rehab program is administered by the NW MN Housing Authority in Mentor on behalf of the county.

Auditor Schmitz informed that the terms of two county representatives to the Inter County Nursing Board will expire at the end of 2018. Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Remick and carried by unanimous vote to re-appoint DeeAnn Leines and Lorna Nielson for 2-year terms to the Nursing Service Board effective as of January 1, 2019.

The board reviewed a list of annual items for approval for year the 2019.

Motion by Commissioner Lerohl, seconded by Simpson and carried by unanimous vote to approve the 2019 salary grade table reflecting a 75 cents per hour COLA (cost of living) increase for employees.

Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Weiss and carried unanimously to approve the 2019 Elected Official salaries as follows:

Commissioners	
Each:	\$17,417.00
Attorney:	\$94,775.00
Auditor	\$67,563.00
Recorder:	\$62,523.00
Treasurer:	\$55,244.00
Sheriff	\$72,140.00

The motion also includes to establish the 2019 County Commissioner per diem rates at \$70.00 per day for assigned committee meetings attended. All other salaries and benefits are as approved per individual department budgets.

Motion by Commissioner Lerohl, seconded by Simpson and carried unanimously to approve that the following county levies be adopted and ordered certified to the County Auditor for collection in 2019 as follows:

Revenue:	\$2,383,334.00
Road and Bridge	\$625,000.00
Welfare:	\$412,030.00
Total	\$3,420,364.00

Less State	
Tax Aids:	\$419,698.00
Net Certified	

Levy	\$3,000,666.00
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Motion by Commissioner Lerohl, seconded by Weiss and carried unanimously to approve the 2019 county budget as follows:

Revenue:	\$3,538,384.00
Road & Bridge:	\$3,730,350.00
Social Services:	\$1,638,107.00
Total	\$8,906,841.00

Motion by Commissioner Remick, seconded by Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the designated cash flow for 2019 in the following amounts:

Revenue:	\$1,415,354.00
Road and Bridge:	\$1,492,140.00
Social Services:	\$655,242.00
Total	\$3,562,736.00

There was discussion on salaries for SS supporting staff positions that share their duties with Norman County being considerable higher, as compared to salaries of several County Department Heads with more years of service. Board members commented that the issue will be addressed upon completion of the compensation study by Bjorklund Consulting.

There being no further business the regular meeting was adjourned until January 8, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the courthouse board room.

Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Dave Sorensen, Chair,
Board of Commissioners O45C

(U.S.P.S. 407-240)

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RLCC Menus

February 4 - 8

Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Tornadoes, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Hot subs, chips, fresh veggies, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: French toast, syrup, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, Uncrustable, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Ham & cheese omelet, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Stuffed crust pizza, lettuce salad, fresh veggies, cottage cheese, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Ham patty w/bun, curly fries, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Tomato soup, grilled cheese, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Apple turnover, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Taco in a bag (lettuce, tomato, cheese, taco sauce, sour cream) refried beans, yogurt, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Eggs, sausage patty, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Tomato soup, salad, egg salad or PB sandwich, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon streusel coffee cake, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, baby bakes, seasoned carrots, buttered bread, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: French toast sticks, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pork ribblet, au gratin potatoes, corn, tea roll, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Long John roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hot Pockets, salad bar, pumpkin spice dessert, fruit, and milk.

Mustang Sports Schedule

Girls Basketball

Varsity – Jr

Varsity

Thu, Jan. 31: Red Lake Falls at RLF 6:00PM

Fri, Feb. 1: Lake of the Woods at Lake of the Woods 6:00PM

Mon, Feb. 4: Kittson Central at Lancaster 6:00PM

Thu, Feb. 7: Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears at C-G 6:00PM

Girls Junior

High Basketball

Thu, Jan. 31: Red Lake Falls at Red Lake Falls 3:45PM

Fri, Feb. 1: Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears at Oklee School 4:30PM

Mon, Feb. 4: Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke at Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke 4:30PM

Mustang

Wrestling

Sat, Feb. 2: Fertile-Beltrami at Fertile-Beltrami 9:00 a.m.

Rebel

Sports Schedule

Boys Varsity – JV

Basketball

Thu, Jan. 31: Clearbrook-Gonvick at Oklee 6:00PM

Fri, Feb. 1: Warren/Alvarado/Oslo at Plummer 6:00PM

Mon, Feb. 4: Waubun at Red Lake Falls 6:00PM

Tue, Feb. 5: Fosston at Oklee 6:00PM

Basketball Boys

Junior High

Fri, Feb. 1: Warren/Alvarado/Oslo at Red Lake Falls Community Hall 5:00PM

Mon, Feb. 4: Fosston at Oklee 4:30PM

Sat, Feb. 9: Fertile-Beltrami at Fertile-Beltrami High School TBD

Ninth Grade CO₂ Car Races held at RLCC Gymnasium



Freshman at Red Lake County Central had their annual CO₂ car race. They are pictured with the cars they designed and raced.



Noah Hanson and Michael Lowell setting up for the RLCC Physical Science class CO₂ car races.

RLC Rebels

Basketball

By Kia Bachand

The Red Lake County Central Rebels boys' varsity defeated the Kittson County Central Bearcats on Tuesday, January 22nd, in Plummer. The final score of the game was 63-49.

Highlights for the Rebels were Derek Peterson with 21 points and seven rebounds; Eric Gieseke with 19 points and three steals; Isiah Olson with nine points, eight rebounds, and two steals; Adrien Verbout with eight points and two steals; Ben Cardinal with three points and two steals; and Zach Benson with three points.

Bearcat highlights were Jarrett Kujava with 17 points, 11 rebounds, and six steals; Mitch Dokken with 14 points; Kaleb Whitlock with 11 points; Maurice Sele with three points; Tucker Nelson with two points; and Zach Vig with two points.

RLCC ECFE

February Events

By Abigail Walton

Early Childhood Family Education classes are for children from birth to five years old and their parents or other adult. Grandparents are always welcome. Classes generally are held on Thursday evenings either at the Oklee site preschool, the Plummer site preschool, or the Brooks Community Center. Like "RLCC ECFE" on Facebook to get updates.

Red Lake County Central ECFE has the following events planned for the month of February.

Wednesday, February 6th there will be Preschool Screening at the Oklee site from 8:00-1:30 PM. Information will be sent home to all preschoolers (three to five years of age) needing to be screened at this time. Be watching for your packets.

There will be an Infant/Toddler Class #2: "Sewing Burpie Cloths" on Thursday, February

7th at the Oklee site from 6:00-7:00 PM. Each family will make a burpie cloth for their own use or as a gift. ECFE will provide all the materials including flannel fabrics to choose from and the sewing machine to use.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, February 21st at the Oklee site from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

Thursday, February 28th the ECFE Family Fun Ice Skating will take place at the Oklee skating rink from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. Bring ice skates or just skate on your boots. Dress warm and enjoy some hot chocolate and cinnamon toast before you go home.

RLCC Girls

Basketball

By Jeremy Kruchowski

Friday, January 18th the Red Lake County Mustangs took on the Warren-Alvarado-Oslo Ponies and the Ponies defeated the Mustangs 48-34. Jenna Pahlen had 10 points and five rebounds, Kia Bachand 10 points and four steals, and Calyssa Eskeli nine points and six rebounds.

The RLCC Mustangs defeated the Goodridge-Grygla Chargers 72-47 in Oklee on Tuesday, January 22nd. Jenna Pahlen had 28 points, 13 rebounds, and four blocks; Kia Bachand 24 points and six rebounds; and Cari Bachand 15 points and four steals.

Thursday, January 24th Cass Lake Bena defeated the Mustangs 57-51 in Oklee. Jenna Pahlen had 20 points, and eight rebounds; Kia Bachand 15 points, and eight rebounds; and Calyssa Eskeli nine points, and 12 rebounds.

Knowledge

Bowl Results

By: Danny Guillemette

The Red Lake County Central Senior High Knowledge Bowl competed in Thief River Falls on Wednesday, January

By Jeremy Kruchowski

Each year the Red Lake County Central ninth grade physical science class builds CO₂ cars and races them in the gym. All of the ninth graders start off with a piece of soft wood in a box that also holds the wheels and axle for the car. They carve out the pieces of wood to make them look like drag cars and make them weigh as close as possible to the required weight. They can also paint them if the car is a little too light and for appearance as well.

In order to race the cars they set up a track that has two fishing lines going across the gym floor for the cars to connect to, for guidance so they stay on the right path. Their teacher, Mr. Steven Strutz, has a mechanism for the CO₂ cartridges to go off. There is a needle that pokes the back of the cartridge and then the cars take off across the floor. Each person can lose twice



Winners of the RLCC CO₂ car races were first place Michael Lowell and second place Cari Bachand.

before being eliminated from racing. Cari Bachand and Michael Lowell won in their

sections. They raced each other and Lowell won the overall race.



Tristyn Ferguson wins this match against his opponent from Nashauk-Keewatin by a 16-7 decision to capture 5th place in 170# class in the TRF Prowler Invitational on Sat Jan 19. Photo courtesy of Alice Hofstad.

February WIC

Schedule

The Women, Infants and Children's Supplemental Nutrition Education Program (WIC) is being held the month of February 2019.

Infants, children up to the age of 5, and women who are pregnant or breastfeeding may be eligible for the program. We are very interested in enrolling pregnant women in the program. We feel that the

prenatal nutrition is a vital part of producing a healthy baby. Therefore, it is important to apply for WIC early in your pregnancy. We need no proof of pregnancy.

All potential clients must contact the WIC Program to schedule an appointment.

The following is the schedule of WIC Clinics for the month of February.

Thu, Feb. 7 Red Lake Falls Community Center.

Feb. 11 to Feb. 15: Thief River Falls Redeemer Lutheran Church

Tue, Feb. 26 Grygla Grace Lutheran Church

For further information concerning the WIC program, call or write WIC Quin, PO Box 248, Newfolden, MN 56738, phone 874-7845 (Newfolden, Viking, Middle River, Holt or Thief River Falls residents) or 1-800-223-1591, or e-mail at quinchs@wiktel.com.

16 and Wednesday, January 23. On January 16th, three teams from RLCC competed. Those included Connor Lambert, Sydnie Gunderson, Marie Johnson, Julia Bernstein, Andrew Fish, Phillip Sorenson, Dawson Rystad, Derek Peterson, Zach Benson, Sidney Olson, Sophia Linder, Lily Guillemette, Calyssa Es-

keli, Chris Longtin, and Jayden Iverson. The RLCC Black team placed 16th, the Blue team placed 33rd, and the Red team placed 35th. The top three teams were Fisher-Black in first, Crookston-Blue in second, and Kittson Central in third.

On January 23rd, two teams from RLCC competed. The Black team included Julia

Bernstein, Andrew Fish, Marie Johnson, and Dawson Rystad. The Red team included Danny Guillemette, Jayden Iverson, and Phillip Sorenson. The RLCC Black team placed 20th, and the Red team placed 21st. The top three teams were Crookston-Blue in first, Fosston-Maroon in second, and Bemidji-Blue in third.

